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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM TO U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FROM ADB DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROJECTS II:

QUOTE

1. FURTHER TO OUR DISCUSSIONS IN YOUR OFFICE IN EARLY
AUGUST, I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT MR. N.S. GREEN, PROJECT
OFFICER (PROCUREMENT), WAS SENT TO KABUL IN MID-AUGUST 1977 TO
INQUIRE INTO THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED. MR. GREEN IS BACK AND
HAS SUBMITTED HIS FINDINGS.

2. MR. GREEN HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. SHIRZAI, THE PRESIDENT
OF THE EXECUTING AGENCY (AFGHAN SEED CO.), WHO EXPLAINED THAT
THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 100 SEPARATE BIDS RECEIVED FOR 41 BID
ITEMS AND THAT READING ALOUD AND RECORDING THE AMOUNT OF EACH
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BID WOULD HAVE TAKEN CONSIDERABLE TIME. IN VIEW OF THIS,
BIDS WERE NOT READ ALOUD AND RECORDED, AND INSTEAD A
SUMMARY OF BIDS RECEIVED TOGETHER WITH BID PRICES WAS
PREPARED AND ISSUED THE FOLLOWING DAY, 1 AUGUST 1977,
TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE BIDDERS WHO HAD REMAINED IN
KABUL AFTER THE BID OPENING. UNFORTUNATELY, THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF WHITE FARM MACHINERY FROM THE U.S.

DID NOT RECEIVE A COPY OF THAT SUMMARY, AS HE HAD ALREADY LEFT KABUL. (AT THE REQUEST OF MR. GREEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTING AGENCY HAS AGREED TO SEND A COPY OF THE SUMMARY TO WHITE FARM MACHINERY.)

3. IN KABUL, MR. GREEN EXAMINED, INTER ALIA, THE BID OPENING PROCEDURES WHICH WERE FOLLOWED BY THE EXECUTING AGENCY, THE BIDS RECEIVED AND THE SUMMARY OF BIDS RECEIVED AS ISSUED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BIDDERS IN KABUL. HE HAS REPORTED BEING SATISFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO PUBLICLY READ OUT THE BID PRICES HAS NOT LED TO A SITUATION WHICH COULD CAST DOUBT ON THE INTEGRITY OF THE WHOLE BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR THE BID ITEM UNDER REFERENCE, AND THAT THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY FURTHER ACTION THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN BY THE BANK. HE HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE BANK'S PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE THAT THE EXECUTING AGENCY BE ADVISED TO PROCEED WITH EVALUATION OF BIDS. THIS RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE. WHILE ADVISE THE EXECUTING AGENCY THAT THEY COULD PROCEED WITH THE BID EVALUATION, THE BANK WILL DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO ITS OBLIGATION TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES IN ALL FUTURE CASES.

4. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT THE BANK DOES TAKE SERIOUSLY ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES BY THE EXECUTING AGENCIES. HOWEVER, THE CASE UNDER REFERENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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DOES NOT SEEM TO WARRANT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE FINDINGS OF MR. GREEN, ANY INTERVENTION BY THE BANK.

5. AS I INFORMED YOU ALREADY, UNFORTUNATELY, MR. GREEN, WHILE IN KABUL, DID NOT DISCUSS HIS FINDINGS WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN KABUL. YOU MAY THEREFORE WISH TO INFORM THE U.S. EMBASSY IN KABUL AS APPROPRIATE.

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